



GSA Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs): Providing IT Solutions That Get Results

GSA's GWACs streamline the procurement process by offering agencies access to fully competed contract vehicles. Essentially, your project becomes a task order issued against an existing contract, reducing your procurement lead time and enabling you to make faster, easier and smarter IT acquisitions. Many federal agencies have achieved exceptional results:

- Army Personnel Command receives technology refresh
 of their web services and records-management system
 infrastructure. Additional services include consolidation of
 four sites into one primary site for records and a
 redundancy system for disaster recovery.
- Department of Defense Teleport System provides integration capabilities, contingency capacity, and interfaces (satellite and terrestrial) to legacy Tactical Command, Control, Communication Computers and Intelligence (C4I) and the Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) in a seamless, interoperable manner.
- Department of Homeland Security develops and implements replacement system for verification of non-citizen eligibility status for social benefits while maintaining legacy system and dial-up connectivity and Internet access.
- Defense Information Systems Agency modernizes
 Anti Drug Network (ADNET) system by developing and
 deploying new leading-edge multi-layered communications
 architecture.
- Defense Logistics Agency requires assistance in their infrastructure services to efficiently and effectively manage the recovery of is corporate data assets.
- Environmental Protection Agency task encompasses development and maintenance of mission-critical budget automation system.
- NASA Langley Research Center provides real time simulation analysis and programming to derive mathematical models of aircraft, spacecraft, and subsystems of their operational environments.

- Navy Space and Naval Warfare System Command (SPAWAR) integrates multiple components applications, web-interactive environments, management systems, online learning systems, and COTS subsystems for use by DOD personnel worldwide.
- Securities and Exchange Commission requires IT support services for managing and operating all IT infrastructure facilities, hardware, software and systems, including networking support, server administration, help desk, data-center operations, management technology deployment support, and renovations inclusive of security and life-cycle maintenance.
- Small Business Administration Joint Accounting and Administrative Management System provide assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their businesses.
- U.S. Agency for International Development and Department of State Management Bureau consolidates operations and implements a comprehensive approach to the acquisition, integration, life cycle management of the agency's IT resources.
- U.S. Department of Justice supports document- and records-processing services to National Tracing Center of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for data capture, scanning, media conversion, maintenance and record searches.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture supports President's Management Agenda through development of mission-critical integrated e-tracking system to manage processing and reporting of EEO claims.



Benefits for IT Professionals

Federal agencies can expect superior acquisition expertise, direct access to knowledgeable experts, "best-in-class" industry partners, and streamlined acquisition processes when they procure IT solutions through a GWAC. GWACs provide:

- Worldwide coverage
- Fully competed contracts
- Dual levels of competition:
 - 1st Level: Basic Contracts awarded under Full and Open
 - 2nd Level: Task Orders awarded through Fair Opportunity
- Pre-qualified contractor pools (e.g. contractors undergo stringent evaluation process to receive an award such as technical capability, past performance, and ability to provide worldwide coverage)
- Total solutions
 - Task Orders can include hardware, software, other direct costs (ODCs) integral and necessary for the technology solution being acquired
- Providing fair opportunity to all GWAC holders in the pool supports compliance with Section 803
- Non-protestable Task Order environment under FAR 16.505 (a)(8):
 - Task Orders must be within scope of contract
 - Task Orders must be issued within period of contract
 - Task Orders cannot exceed maximum contract value
- Annual technology refreshments
- Annual past-performance reviews

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